

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
PARAGUAY BUREAU  
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Paraguay Bureau--April 1986

I. GENERAL

1. Despite four of the worst thunderstorms in recent years and the "manana" attitude of the local subcontractor, the Associate ROSET was installed and operational by the end of April. Regional Engineer [ ] and S.T. Research contractors Mike Tzanakis and Jim Ross cooperated in the joint effort to get everything done well and on time. The Bureau can now successfully monitor Brasilsat A1 and A2. A2, however, is carrying only two carrier beams and the Bureau has no indication when it will start carrying any programming. There are currently seven television channels and two radio stations on the A1 bird. No press agencies have been monitored; the previously monitored EBN and Senado Federal for some reason apparently stopped transmissions on A1 in February.

The ROSET was formally turned over to the Bureau on 5 May. The next order of business will be a complete cruise-out of the antenna. This will be started locally by the cruiser and technicians, who will be joined by a staff cruiser from Headquarters in early June to complete the cruising effort and training of Bureau personnel.

The Bureau used the ROSET for its first coverage application on 1 May to cover the May Day speech Brazilian President Sarney delivered to the nation.

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2. During the month, the political situation in Paraguay took a dramatic turn. The opposition has shaken off some of its fears and held several peaceful protests that have been severely repressed by the police and security forces, as well as by "unknown" groups and individuals. The "unknowns" have gone so far as to attack the local Radio Nanduti studios twice, threaten the Catholic Church's Radio Caritas, and enter the medical college and hospital, where they attacked doctors, nurses, staff, and patients alike. At the same time, local media have harshly attacked Ambassador Taylor, linking him and the Embassy to the upsurge in opposition activities and the consequent violence.

3. As part of the series of briefings by Embassy principals, the Bureau Chief on the 3d spoke before the weekly Country Team meeting on Bureau operations in particular and FBIS operations in general, stressing that in the future FBIS will be heavily involved in television and satellite monitoring.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major news story this month was the increased activity by the Paraguayan opposition and the violent suppression by the government and its supporters. In a speech to Congress at the beginning of the month, President Stroessner largely ignored the situation, but in impromptu remarks to his immediate aides shortly afterward he lashed out at the "defectors" from the ruling Colorado Party. On the morning of Sunday, 13 April, the Bureau had a monitor on duty and an editor and teletypist on call to cover a scheduled opposition rally some 100 kilometers outside Asuncion. The police and Colorado Party loyalists stopped the demonstrators outside the planned rally area, however, and in the ensuing clash at least 30 were injured and several opposition leaders were arrested. Demonstrations have also been held in Asuncion by students and medical personnel from the Hospital de Clinicas. These were forcefully put down, and in one case an FRG camera crew and the FRG press attache who was accompanying them were beaten and briefly arrested.

2. Terrorist actions in Chile intensified this month. Largely claimed by the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front, they included bombings and bus burnings in Santiago and other major cities. The bombings reached their peak on the night of the 24th when seven bombings were reported in

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Santiago; on the 29th, a bomb exploded outside the U.S. Ambassador's residence, breaking windows in the surrounding area. On the night of the bombing near the Ambassador's residence, the police rounded up all adult males in some low-income neighborhoods and took them to a soccer stadium for questioning. Since then, the police and army have conducted several more such roundups.

3. Uruguayan President Sanguinetti on the 9th welcomed Peruvian President Alan Garcia to Montevideo on an official visit. In a speech to the Uruguayan Congress the next day, Garcia discussed the Latin American debt and other issues. Since the speech was not monitorable from Uruguayan radios, however, the Bureau's contractor in Lima relayed the speech live via telephone. Assisting with its ROSET, Panama Bureau also monitored and processed a speech carried by a Lima television station that Garcia made to the Latin American Integration Association during his visit.

4. In a speech at mid-month, President Alfonsin surprisingly advocated "capital flight" when he formally proposed moving the capital from Buenos Aires to Viedma in the Patagonia region.

#### B. Lateral Services

In a note to the Bureau, Ambassador Taylor expressed his thanks for our coverage of Paraguayan events and our "timely" delivery. He further said: "I'll try not to take (too much) advantage of your capabilities, but they are so conspicuous it's hard not to."

#### C. Cruising

The cruiser surveyed reception of Radio Free Suriname and Panama Bureau coverage for which the Bureau would assume responsibility in the case of an emergency. The results: Radio Free Suriname is unmonitorable and reception of radios in Panama's coverage area is at best sheer luck during the austral summer. He also surveyed reception of   broadcasts to South America. Currently he is heavily involved in learning and cruising with the Associate ROSET equipment.

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#### D. Technical

1. The technicians had a busy month working on the Associate ROSET, microwave expansion, and antenna refurbishment projects as well as on related work. They

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provided translation liaison services and helped the regional engineer and S.T. Research contractors overcome work-related problems in the Paraguayan milieu.

2. Although the microwave expansion project was not completed during [ ] TDY because the wiring diagrams did not arrive with the equipment, all the equipment has been received and tested. We are now awaiting the fabrication of new racks by a local contractor so we can install them at the ANTELCO remote site in Luque, some 20 km from the Bureau. This project should be completed in June.

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3. The Bureau finally received written permission from ANTELCO -- after 4 months -- to construct a long-wire antenna and to refurbish two ANTELCO antennas no longer being used: a doubled-ended antenna that the Bureau will redirect from Hamburg to Santiago and a log periodic antenna. These antennas will improve reception of Argentine, Chilean, and Uruguayan radios.

4. The complete rewiring of the Main Radio patch panel was finished.

5. The construction of the Bureau's new television-monitoring booth was completed. The booth comprises two monitorial positions with the capability to view five televisions simultaneously; one position also includes a complete radio-monitoring configuration. This and other ROSET-related items and equipment will be part of the background in the video tape production on the Associate ROSET project produced by an S.T. Research American contractor who visited the Bureau in late April.

6. The IBM PC/XT was returned to Headquarters because it was received with two damaged disk drives. The Bureau expects to receive a replacement in June.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### Personnel

The Bureau this month started a recruitment effort to fill the monitorial position that will become vacant when Chief Monitor [ ] retires in February 1987. In response to the advertisements published in three local papers, we received some 40 applicants, 10 of whom are being tested. The Bureau hopes to make its final decision on an applicant by late May.

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#### IV. VISITS

1. The Bureau Chief attended the changing of command ceremony on the grounds of the Office of Defense Cooperation on 3 April. Col Chuck Fry was replaced by Col Millard Peck.

2. The Bureau Chief to Washington for the Bureau Chiefs Conference and annual leave 5-29 April.

3. S.T. Research contractor Mike Tzanakis to the Bureau 1 April-4 May to install the Associate ROSET.

4. Regional Engineer [redacted] to the Bureau 15 April-6 May to work on the ROSET project and the microwave expansion at the remote site.

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5. S.T. Research contractor Jim Ross to the Bureau 24 April-6 May to assist in the ROSET installation and training of personnel in its use.

6. The deputy chief [redacted] visited the Bureau in the 18th for a briefing on Bureau operations and Bureau-TCU relations.

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#### V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Bureau personnel and the visiting engineers gathered in the office on the afternoon of the 30th to celebrate the ROSET installation and the coming of the space age to Paraguay Bureau.



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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

CC: Chief, Panama Bureau  
Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachment: Monthly Production Report

## Paraguay Bureau Production Report for April 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	275350
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	85130
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	2616

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	9306.00	42450.00	174.23
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in			
Spanish	3840		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in			
Spanish	6780		
Buenos Aires DYN in			
Spanish		7620	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in			
Spanish		15430	
Buenos Aires TELAM in			
Spanish		20830	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in			
English			5290
Buenos Aires CLARIN in			
Spanish			1410
Buenos Aires GENTE in			
Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in			
Spanish			1830
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in			
Spanish			8760
Buenos Aires TIEMPO ARGENTINO in			
Spanish			970

## BOLIVIA

La Paz La Red Panamericana in			
Spanish	11080		
La Paz Radio Illimani in			
Spanish	2710		
La Paz El Diario in			
Spanish			2860
La Paz PRESENCIA in			
Spanish			980

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## BRAZIL

Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	4300	
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	3870	
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0	
Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo Network in Portuguese	510	
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	590	
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese		3150
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese		0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese		4170
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese		4400
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese		2350
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese		160

## CHILE

Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	14450	
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	16730	
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish		660
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish		1190
Santiago CAUCE in Spanish		0
Santiago COSAS in Spanish		0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish		6090
Santiago HOY in Spanish		0
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish		840
Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish		0

## CHINA

Beijing Beijing in Spanish	0
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## FRANCE

Paris AFP in  
Spanish

36520

## PARAGUAY

Asuncion Radio Nanduti in  
Spanish

4050

Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional  
de Television in  
Spanish

1130

Asuncion Domestic Service in  
Spanish

3660

Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in  
Spanish

480

Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora  
Paraguaya Television in  
Spanish

580

Asuncion EL DIARIO in  
Spanish

6050

Asuncion EL PUEBLO in  
Spanish

530

Asuncion HOY in  
Spanish

4970

Asuncion LA TARDE in  
Spanish

2210

Asuncion PATRIA in  
Spanish

430

Asuncion SENDERO in  
Spanish

0

Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in  
Spanish

2790

## PERU

Lima Cadena America Television in  
Spanish

840

Lima Canal 9 Television in  
Spanish

0

Lima Domestic Service in  
Spanish

0

Lima Latinoamericana Television in  
Spanish

1280

Lima Panamericana Television  
Network in

Spanish

8450

Lima Radio del Pacifico in  
Spanish

230



	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	10440		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	3530		
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			490
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			0
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			120
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			760
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		25410	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Domestic Service in Spanish	140		
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	3720		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	0		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			0
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			160
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	740		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	1790		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		